

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES, LEVEL 14, PASTORAL HOUSE, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 28TH AND 29th MARCH 1977 COMMENCING AT 9 A.M. ON MONDAY THE 28TH MARCH.

PRESENT: Messrs P. Berry (In Chair)
I.J. Dickinson
M.G. Stuckey
A. Clissold
E.R. Robinson

ALSO PRESENT: The Executive Secretary, G.A. Beard.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8/9 December 1976, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed with the following amendment -

reference page 5, third line - insert word NOT between the words "could" and "he" - on the motion of Messrs Stuckey/Clissold.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- (1) HONEY MEAD: Mr Dickinson reported that it seemed clear that honey mead could be manufactured and marketed provided the product complied with the Food and Drug Regulations and the Food Hygiene Regulations .

The Executive noted that Honey Mead was specifically excluded from the Sale of Liquor Act 1976.

A bottle of Mead purchased in the Nelson District the previous week was tabled.

Resolved: "THAT MR DICKINSON REPORT FURTHER IF NECESSARY."

CORRESPONDENCE:

Head Office Memorandum: Re Last Date for Receiving Remits.

In keeping with the Rules this date had been set as Friday 10 June. Noted.

Mr R.F. Poole - advising that he did not wish to accept temporary appointment to the Executive Committee. Received.

It was decided that the casual vacancy remain unfilled until the next election.

Outward to Mr J.W. Fraser - requesting that he provide a report for the Executive Committee. Reply awaited.

Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WRITE TO MR FRASER REQUESTING THAT HE CALL AT THE OFFICE THE NEXT TIME HE IS IN WELLINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING MATTERS PERTINENT TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD."

Mr H. Cloake Snr. - drawing attention to the harmful effects the indiscriminate use of agricultural sprays had had on the beekeeping industry in the South Canterbury region where this year there had been an especially heavy infestation of aphids on clover.

Resolved

- (1) "THAT A LETTER BE FORWARDED TO MR IAN FORBES REQUESTING THAT MINISTRY INVESTIGATE THE MATTER AND ADVISE THE ASSOCIATION OF THE ACTION PROPOSED TO AVOID A REPETITION OF THIS SEASON'S EXPERIENCE."

- (2) "THAT A COPY OF THE RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE BE REFERRED TO MR J.W. FRASER FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD."

Outward to Mr Malcolm Haines - President Far North Branch drawing attention to the fact that Branch membership was now below ten members. A list of potential members in that region was tabled and it was left to the Executive Secretary to solicit the membership of the beekeepers listed.

Outward Circular to Branches - Re Association's Annual Meeting and Industry Conference - dates and venue etc. Noted.

Outward to Mr Ian Forbes, M.A.F. - advising Executive's approval of the draft of the Honey Export Regulations. Noted.

Outward to Mr Ian Forbes, M.A.F. - Re availability of Apiary Statistics. The Executive Secretary reported that this year the Horticulture Division had been unable to compile the necessary schedule as Mr Smaellie's successor had not yet taken up his appointment.

The Executive Committee agreed that if practicable the Association's office should endeavour to compile the statistics even if they would be less complete than those usually available.

Outward to Editor - forwarding the list of Life Members. There had been no comments received about the list.

Under-Secretary to Minister of Agriculture - Re proposal that Association should be given legislative authority to collect and administer the Hive Levy.

Mr Bolger in his reply indicated that he would have no objection in principle to the proposal. The question of the possible merging of the two industry bodies under a single Act was however considered to be of major significance and more information as well as evidence of Industry support would need to be available before legislation was considered.

In respect of the transfer of the responsibility for the Hive Levy collection and administration the Executive resolved

" THAT THIS EXECUTIVE CONFIRM THAT IT FAVOURS LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PERMIT OF THE ASSOCIATION BEING MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIVE LEVY."

(Minute Note: Since the meeting a further advice has been received from the Hon. Mr Bolger indicating that if the 1977 Conference concurs he would be prepared to promote appropriate legislation to achieve the above.)

Honey Marketing Authority forwarding the Association's 1977 number 1 Hive Levy instalment of \$10,000. Received.

Mr Graeme Walton replying to Executive's request re "Trees for Bees".

The Executive in considering the matter were of the view that separate lists should be developed for "rural" and "urban" situations.

Resolved "THAT A REQUEST BE MADE TO THE HORTICULTURE DIVISION (MR IAN FORBES) ACCORDINGLY."

Secretary South Western Branch advising that its President Mr Chris Bromell would attend the Farm Forestry Conference in New Plymouth - 18/23 April.

Received.

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LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1976

643 to 645	Subscription Refunds)	26.25	
647 to 650	" ")		
646	Woolshed	79.15	
651	A.P.A.	840.75	
652	Hotel St George	177.70	(Ex. Comm)
653	G. Walton	34.00	(Magazine)
654	N. Wallingford	45.00	(")
655	W.A. Clissold	175.50	(Expenses)
656	J.G. McKenzie	81.20	(")
657	Cancelled		
758	E.R. Robinson	30.30	(")
759	N.Z.D.B. Computer	18.44	(A/c charges)
760	P.I.C. October	550.02	
761	N.A.C.	300.00	
762	Otago Br. Conference deposit	100.00	
		<u>\$ 2458.31</u>	

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR DECEMBER 1976 AND JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 1977

663 to 675	Branch Capitation	56.71	
676	Woolshed	26.05	
677	T. Bryant	35.00	(Mag. Article)
678	M. Reid	40.00	" "
679	A. Fussell	25.00	" "
680	Grand Hotel	36.00	(Exec. Exp.)
681	" "	37.40	" "
682	A.P.A.	838.63	(Beekeeper)
683	S. Collins	10.00	(Mag. Article)
684	I. Dickinson	5.35	
685	W.A. Clissold	22.50	
686	N.A.C.	300.00	
687	P. Berry	10.00	
688	Grand Hotel	50.80	
689	A.P.A.	65.50	(Blocks etc.)
690	P.I.C. Fee	1073.75	
691	Apimondia	105.33	(Membership Sub.)
692	A.P.A.	19.81	(Postage)
693	Wardlaw Media Digest	6.50	
694	N.Z.D.Bd.	19.56	(Computer Services)
695	N.A.C.	400.00	
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696	A.P.A.	561.58	
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		\$ 3,745.47	
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N.Z. Sugar Company (Mr G.W. Hutchinson) expressing a wish to attend the 1977 Conference and be available to members and Conference. Resolved

"THAT MR HUTCHINSON'S OFFER TO ATTEND THE 1977 CONFERENCE BE ACCEPTED WITH THANKS AND THAT A SUITABLE ITEM BE INCLUDED ON THE CONFERENCE AGENDA ACCORDINGLY."

Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries - re proposal that Apiary Instructor Mr J. Smith be financially assisted to proceed to Poland and Finland to study and evaluate the techniques of Queen Bee artificial insemination under Professor Woyke.

The Ministry advised that it considered the proposal had sufficient merit to warrant serious consideration being given to it. While the Ministry was prepared to release Mr J. Smith on pay for the five/six weeks required it had no resources to cover air fares which were estimated at close to \$1800.

The President indicated that the H.M.A. had also been approached in the matter and was prepared to meet the cost if the Association was not able to support the proposal.

The Executive in considering the matter felt that if financial support were to be made available from the Industry the Association was the appropriate body to do it, on the grounds that the benefit would apply to the industry as a whole.

It was duly moved

- (1) "THAT THE ASSOCIATION AGREE TO MAKE A GRANT-IN-AID OF UP TO \$1800 AVAILABLE TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TO MEET THE COST OF AIR FARES TO ALLOW MR J. SMITH TO MAKE A RESEARCH/STUDY VISIT TO POLAND AND FINLAND TO EXAMINE QUEEN BEE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION TECHNIQUES" and
- (2) "THAT THE ADVICE FROM THE HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY STATING ITS ATTITUDE AND ALSO THE BASIS ON WHICH IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST BE RECEIVED", and
- (3) "THAT IN ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AIR FARES FOR MR SMITH THE MINISTRY BE ADVISED THAT THE ASSOCIATION WILL EXPECT THAT THE MINISTRY WILL MEET ALL THE REASONABLE COSTS INVOLVED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF THE RESULTS OF MR SMITH'S STUDY, AND THAT A COPY OF MR SMITH'S REPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION."

Dickinson/Stuckey

Carried.

Department of Trade & Industry - Advising Trade Commissioner's address in Vienna and offering assistance in respect of contact with Apimondia. Received.

Connell University Press advising list of publications on beekeeping - referred to Librarian.

Ministry of Agriculture (Advisory Division) - advising that they would be unable to sponsor a seminar in association with the 1977 Dunedin Conference. Received and noted.

The Ministry did expect that at least some suitable people would visit New Zealand prior to or following the Adelaide Apimondia Congress and full opportunity would be taken to sponsor regional meetings involving such people.

Outward to Branches - re Delegates travelling allowance to 1977 Conference. Noted.

Department of Labour - re Metric Weights for honey. In attendance, Mr R.G. Church, Chief Inspector for Weights and Measures.

The President welcomed Mr Church to the meeting and said the Executive was pleased to be able to discuss aspects of the changeover to metric weights with him.

Mr Church thanked the Executive for the invitation and pointed out that honey was included in the Table "A" list and that a cut off date would be set accordingly.

Mr Church emphasised that Imperial weights could still be used if the gram equivalent was stamped on them as well. It had to be the equivalent of the Imperial weight. It was not permitted to use say 454 grams on its own.

The question was then raised of having multiples of 1 kg. above 2 kg. and Mr Church indicated that the Department would be prepared to look at this provided H.M.A. and the Packers Association supported the proposal.

The problems associated with the retention of the 900 gram pack was also raised and it was agreed that this should be dealt with as a separate issue. The possibility of having for a period both a 900 gram and a 1kg. pack was also raised.

It was duly moved

- (1) "THAT IT BE DRAWN TO THE ATTENTION OF BEEKEEPERS THAT THEY SHOULD EXPEDITE THE USE OF ANY IMPERIAL BRANDED CARTONS HELD IN STOCK AS A FINAL CUT OFF DATE COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE SET IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE: ALSO THAT ONLY METRIC CONTAINERS/ CARTONS BE PURCHASED HENCEFORTH."
- (2) "THAT THE ASSOCIATION SEEK THE SUPPORT OF THE H.M.A. AND THE PACKERS ASSOCIATION IN A REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR TO HAVE PACKS SET IN MULTIPLES OF 1 KG. ABOVE THE APPROVED 2KG. PACK."
- (3) "THAT IN RESPECT OF THE FUTURE OF THE 900 GRAM PACK THE ASSOCIATION INVITE H.M.A. AND REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE PACKERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET WITH IT IN DUNEDIN JUST PRIOR TO CONFERENCE."

Dickinson/Robinson

Carried.

Mr E. Whalley, Wanganui - raising the question of the use of imperial branded cartons held in stock.

It was resolved that Mr Whalley be advised:

- (1) "THAT IMPERIAL PACKS CAN STILL BE USED BUT IN DOING SO THE METRIC EQUIVALENT MUST BE STATED (E.G. 454 GR.) (IF METRICS ALONE ARE USED THEY MUST CONFORM WITH THE WEIGHTS APPROVED, E.G. 500 GRAM, 900 GRAM, 2 KG. ETC.)"
- (2) "THAT EVERY ENDEAVOUR SHOULD BE MADE TO UTILISE IMPERIAL CARTONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AS A CUT OFF DATE IS LIKELY TO BE SET FOR TABLE "A" CATEGORY ITEMS IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE."

It was further resolved:

"THAT THE METRIC ADVISORY BOARD BE ADVISED THAT SOME BEEKEEPERS WERE STILL HOLDING SUBSTANTIAL IMPERIAL CARTON STOCKS DUE TO THE POOR CROP EXPERIENCED IN SOME REGIONS LAST SEASON."

Mr Ryder-Lewis - Association Auditor.

The Auditor's certificate for the 1976 Annual Accounts was presented and received.

In a covering letter to the Executive the Auditor offered the comment that the accounts of the Association were with minor exceptions in excellent order. Received.

1976 Annual Report - The Annual Report and Accounts was tabled and received. It was noted that Apiary Statistics had not become available and therefore the appropriate schedule could not be included.

A copy of the Report will be mailed to all commercial members and Branches.

Agricultural Chemicals Board - 1976 Annual Report - received.

Honey Marketing Authority - Annual Report for 1976 - received.

Apimondia Congress - Group tour being arranged by Bee Research Association in conjunction with N.B.A. - no further action required at this stage.

Mr Jasper Bray ? seeking Association support in having beekeeping added to the list of occupations for immigrants from North America. Supported and referred to Executive Secretary for further action.

Primary Industries Insurance Company setting out basis for Mortgage Redemption Insurance (on death basis) based on Mortgages up to \$10,000.

Moved

"THAT THE RURAL BANKING CORPORATION BE ASKED TO COMMENT."

Robinson/Stuckey

Carried.

Apimondia - President seeking Association assistance in advising industry news items and dates of Conferences etc.

Resolved

"THAT THE INFORMATION SOUGHT BE SENT ON BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY."

ACCOUNTS: A schedule detailing the accounts paid since the December 1976 meeting was tabled for confirmation.

Moved

"THAT THE SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE DECEMBER 1976 MEETING AND COVERED BY CHEQUES NUMBERED FROM 663 TO 696 TALLING \$3645.47 BE RECEIVED AND CONFIRMED."

Robinson/Clissold

Carried.

(Minute Note: Schedule to Minute Book)

"THE BEEKEEPER" In attendance, the Editor Mr Trevor Walton.

Prior to Mr Walton attending, the Executive discussed a number of points relating to the material published and these were later raised with Mr Walton. The Honey Mead situation was also clarified.

It was also decided that the "Dead Line" for the following issue be set in a prominent panel above each Editorial. None of the other matters raised required resolution support.

N.B.A./H.M.A. MERGER PROPOSAL:

The Executive Committee noted that it was under an obligation to make a report to Branches prior to the Annual Meetings.

In the ensuing consideration it was recognised.

- (1) That there was no great unanimity within the Executive on the question.
- (2) That more time was needed to evaluate the subject more fully.

The Executive felt the matter should be the subject of "on going" discussion and if need be more intensive or deeper study. It was also desirable that the matter be discussed at the 1977 Conference.

The Executive then accepted that it was presently not in a position to present a comprehensive report to this year's annual meetings and decided instead that it should release to Branches a Paper summarising the position as the Executive views it at this time.

It was therefore duly resolved

- (1) "THAT THE PAPER AS PRESENTED AND AMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE BE RELEASED TO ALL BRANCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION."
- (2) "THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLACE A SUITABLE ITEM ON THE 1977 CONFERENCE AGENDA THUS ENABLING THE MATTER TO BE RAISED AND DEBATED,"

REPUBLICATION OF BULLETIN - Nectar and Pollen Sources of New Zealand.

Mr Dickinson reported that there was a continuing demand for supplies of the Bulletin and as stocks held were rather limited a further printing should be put in hand.

Mr Dickinson undertook to list for inclusion as an appendix of the trees suitable for bees. Resolved

"THAT QUOTATIONS FOR REPRINTING A THOUSAND COPIES BE SOUGHT."

RESTRICTED ZONE COMMITTEE:

Mr Robinson advised that the Committee had again recently met and that it was functioning satisfactorily. It was evident that pollination was at an acceptable level in the Coromandel region even though the hive population was low. A special case was to be examined during a Committee visit in the near future. Resolved

"THAT MR ROBINSON'S REPORT BE RECEIVED."

ELECTION PROCEDURE FOR 1977 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:

Resolved "THAT THE SAME PROCEDURES AS FOLLOWED IN THE 1976 ELECTION APPLY FOR THE 1977 ELECTIONS."

It was noted that Messrs Berry and Stuckey were the two members retiring by rotation for the North Island while Mr Dickinson was the retiring member for the South Island.

Messrs Berry and Stuckey were able to confirm that they would be seeking re-election while Mr Dickinson indicated that he expected to be able to make a decision in the matter in a few weeks time.

It was also noted that the election to fill the Extraordinary vacancy arising from Mr Gavin McKenzie's resignation would be held concurrently with the principal election.

LITIGATION ARATAKI HONEY V M.A.F.: Re Restricted Zone Coromandel:

The President retired from the meeting to enable the Executive Secretary to report. The Vice President, Mr Stuckey assumed the Chair.

The Executive Secretary advised that counsel for Arataki Honey Ltd had advised that it could be in the interests of the parties to endeavour to reach a negotiated settlement and that as the issues involved impinged upon questions of concern to the whole industry it was suggested that the Executive might helpfully associate itself with any such negotiation discussion.

It was noted that the costs to the Association would be minimal. It had also been agreed that Mr P. Berry would not participate in any negotiation discussions. Moved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFER ITS SERVICES (IF REQUESTED) TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND APPOINT THE VICE PRESIDENT MR M. STUCKEY AND THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AS ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN JOINT PARTY DISCUSSION."

Robinson/Clissold

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(1) HONEY PRICING POLICY: Mr Dickinson in raising the matter referred to the advice sent by the President to the Gore field day; and pointed out that the Executive members were at a disadvantage in the matter as they were quite unaware of the action or developments that had taken place. In such cases it was important to ensure that there was effective communication between President and the Executive members. Further it was important that the President should clearly define between Association business and his company's business.

Mr Clissold advised that it was perhaps unfortunate that the President's intention not to attend had not been known earlier to the other Executive Committee members who were called on at very short notice to deputise.

The President in reply said it had been his wish that a joint meeting be held on the Prices question and 3 February had been suggested. He had spent a day in Wellington clarifying some of the key aspects and had later released a statement to the media. In sending the telex to the Field Day he took it for granted that the Executive members would be acquainted with its contents prior to any meeting discussion - there had been no time to do more.

However the point had been taken and the discussion then lapsed.

(2) REGISTRATION OF HONEY HOUSES AND PACKING SHEDS: Mr Clissold raised the matter of different agencies being involved in the registration of Honey Houses and Packing Sheds. Local bodies were involved in some situations while in others the Health Department and Labour Department were involved. Mr Stuckey in commenting suggested that it did appear as though it would be difficult to achieve a degree of uniformity if too many agencies became involved.

No specific course of action was suggested.


(3) BACILLUS LARVAE PROBLEM: Mr Robinson in raising the topic suggested that there were too many beekeepers who were not doing enough about the problem. After informal discussion it was decided to let the matter rest.

NEXT MEETING: Resolved

- (1) "THAT THE NEXT MEETING BE HELD IN DUNEDIN ON MONDAY 25 JULY 1977 COMMENCING AT 9 A.M."

- (2) "THAT ENDEAVOURS BE MADE TO ARRANGE A JOINT MEETING WITH H.M.A. ON TUESDAY MORNING THE 26TH JULY WITH PACKERS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES JOINING THE MEETING TOWARDS THE END OF THE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF THE 900 GRAM PACK."

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2.25 p.m.



signed

25-7-77

Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE CHERRY COURT MOTEL, DUNEDIN ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND FRIDAY THE 25TH, 26TH AND 29TH JULY 1977 COMMENCING AT 1.55 P.M. ON MONDAY THE 25TH JULY.

PRESENT: Messrs P. Berry (in Chair)
M.G. Stuckey,
E.R. Robinson
I.J. Dickinson
K. McK. Herron
A. Clissold

ALSO PRESENT: The Executive Secretary, Mr G.A. Beard.

WELCOME TO MR HERRON:

Before taking the business of the meeting the President extended to Mr Keith Herron congratulations on his election and said he knew all members wished him a useful and happy term of office. Mr Herron duly acknowledged the President's welcome.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28/29 March 1977 which had been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Robinson/Clissold.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Conference Arrangements: Letters dealing with Conference were tabled and discussed.

It was resolved "THAT AN APPROPRIATE LETTER BE SENT TO MR IAN FORBES WISHING HIM A SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM HIS ILLNESS."

Remits and Journal to Life Members:

Resolved "THAT IN FUTURE REMITS AND THE JOURNAL BE SENT TO LIFE MEMBERS."

Article - Trees for Bees: Left over for discussion with Mr Cook, Ministry of Agriculture.

Returning Officer to President: Advising the outcome of the recent Executive Committee election. viz:

South Island (i) Ordinary term candidate - Mr I.J. Dickinson
(ii) Extraordinary Vacancy - Mr K. McK. Herron.

North Island Messrs P. Berry and M. Stuckey elected.

Returning Officer to President: Advising the breakdown of the return of votes.
Received.

Outward to Department of Labour: Advising that the Association would like to be kept informed of any proposed legislation regarding the Factories and Commercial Premises Act. Noted.

Mr N. Lennie: Advising the death of his father, a life member of the Association.

Received. Resolved

"THAT A SUITABLE LETTER OF CONDOLENCE BE SENT TO MR LENNIE."

Ministry of Agriculture: Forwarding copy of Restricted Area Notice. Received.

Meditation Society: Making enquiries about availability of honey for export. The Executive noted that the letter had been referred to the H.M.A. for attention. Received.

Associate Minister of Agriculture: Seeking Association reaction to a suggestion that breeding hives be included for Authority elections.

Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR DISCUSSION WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND REPORT TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING."

Far North Branch: It was noted with pleasure that the Branch membership now exceeded 20 members.

Bramwell, Grossman & Partners: Hastings, re Deputy Chairman and Executive Secretary's attendance at a meeting on restricted area. The Executive Secretary indicated that no further advice about the meeting had come to hand. Received.

Mr J. Bray, Leeston: Re assistance in support of U.S.A. citizen to be accepted as an immigrant. The Executive Secretary advised that the application had now been approved. Received.

Outward to Secretary, Metric Advisory Board: ~~RE timetable for phasing out of~~
imperial metric packs. Noted.

General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation: Advancing an insurance proposal relating to the loss of hives through disease. Other cover was also offered.

The Executive after considering the matter resolved

"THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN."

Rural Banking Corporation: Advising that the proposal for beekeepers to take out mortgage repayment insurance did not help the overall position very greatly. The advice was received.

Mr D.L. Ward: Advising the Executive of the current position re the importation of Queen Bees from Tonga. Resolved

"THAT MR WARD BE THANKED FOR THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED."

Ministry of Agriculture: Replying to Association's letter on Pesticides. The original letter on the topic was raised by Mr H. Cloake of Fairview.

The Executive noted that the M.A.F. reply had been circulated to the Executive and Branches. Received.

South Canterbury Branch: Suggesting that the Association's representation on the Agricultural Chemical Board should be removed.

Resolved

"THAT IF NO REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO THE 1977 CONFERENCE THEN A LETTER BE ADDRESSED TO MR J.W. FRASER POINTING OUT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POLICY."

Mr P.W. Ashcroft: Writing to the Returning Officer re recent election. The Returning Officer advised that the matter raised would be discussed with Mr Ashcroft during the Conference. Noted.

Nectar and Pollen Sources Bulletin

In a letter dated 3 June the Editor of Beekeeper tendered a price of \$2,055 for a run of 2500 copies.

Resolved "THAT 2500 COPIES BE PRINTED AND THE CHARGE OUT RATE BE \$2.00."

Associate MMinister of Agriculture:

Re collection of Hive Levy. The Minister in his letter indicated that he had no objection in principle to the proposal but would want a clear indication of Industry view to be expressed by the 1977 Conference.

The President pointed out that there were two matters that should be decided:

- (1) The future administration of the Hive Levy.
- (2) The policy to be followed in respect of the merger proposal.

After discussion it was duly resolved that the Executive Committee submit the following two Remits to Conference.

- (1) Re Hive Levy That Government be requested to proceed with legislation that would allow the National Beekeepers Association to collect and administer the Hive Levy.
- (2) Re H.M.A./N.B.A. That should the Industry wish to carry the study forward then it could be advisable for the Conference to request the N.B.A./H.M.A. to jointly appoint a suitable person to receive submissions from all Industry bodies and members and submit his findings and recommendations to the 1978 Conference.

Director, Advisory Services Division - M.A.F. :

Expressing concern about the report in Beekeeper about the economic survey of Southland beekeepers.

Resolved "THAT THE MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH MR WALTON BY MESSRS ROBINSON, CLISSOLD AND BEARD."

Federated Farmers - re Review Committee:

Resolved " THAT A COPY OF THE PAPER BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS."

Federated Farmers - re Fuel Tax - Received.

ACCOUNTS: A Schedule of Accounts paid in April, May, June and July 1977 was tabled. These payments were covered by cheques numbered 697 to 781 and totalled \$25,696.11. It was moved

"THAT THE SCHEDULE BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED."

Dickinson/Robinson

Carried.

AUCKLAND BRANCH:

Mr Stuckey reported on his efforts to convene a meeting of the Auckland Branch but he had been unable to attract a quorum. It was therefore obvious that the Branch should be wound up. It was resolved

- (1) THAT MR STUCKEY BE AUTHORISED TO WIND UP THE AUCKLAND BRANCH AND ARRANGE TO PASS THE CREDITS TO THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION."
- (2) TTHAT MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION RESIDING IN THE RODNEY COUNTY BE ATTACHED TO THE NORTHLAND BRANCH WHILE THOSE RESIDENT SOUTH OF THE RODNEY COUNTY BE ATTACHED TO THE WAIKATO BRANCH."

Robinson/Dickinson

Carried

JOINT MEETING WITH HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY - 26/7/77

In attendance - Mr Russell Poole, Mr Don Hayman and Mr Curtis Wicht.

The following topics were discussed:

- (1) Hive Levy. Mr Berry Indicated that a suitable remit was to be tabled to Conference that would ask Conference to support the Association being given the power to collect and administer the levy. It was noted that the date of any changeover could not be established at this stage.
- (2) Ownership of Hives. This matter was discussed and would be further examined when the new regulations were being considered.
- (3) Honey Prices. It was agreed that a joint meeting should be held as soon as possible.
- (4) Metric Packs. Correspondence from the Labour Department was tabled. It was agreed that efforts should be made to expand the range of kg packs above 2kg by 1kg divisions. Mr Wicht indicated that 1kg packs could be adopted in Auckland from 1 August.

REPORT FROM MESSRS ROBINSON, CLISSOLD AND BEARD following discussion with Mr T. Walton on article dealing with Southland economic survey. It was noted that Mr Walton would submit a suitable letter to the Executive Secretary.

FRIDAY 29TH

The Executive Committee plus Mr T. Walton attended.

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS PASSED AT CONFERENCE:

REMIT NO. 2 - re Wool Board System. Resolved

- (1) "THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE SYSTEM AND REPORT TO THE NEXT MEETING."
- (2) "THAT AS PRODUCERS HAVE ASKED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT STABILISATION SYSTEM THE VIEWS OF GOVERNMENT BE SOUGHT ON THE PROPOSAL."

REMIT NO. 4 - The action proposed for Remit No. 2 covers the position meantime.

REMIT NO. 5 - re Hive Levy payment date. Resolved

- (1) "THAT THE EDITOR BE REQUESTED TO RUN AN APPROPRIATE ARTICLE IN BE EKEEPER IN DECEMBER DETAILING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHEME."
- (2) "THAT THE PAYMENT DATE QUESTION BE REVIEWED WHEN THE REGULATIONS ARE CHANGED."

REMIT NO. 7 - Re Announcement of Honey Price. No action required by Association.

REMIT NO. 9 - re Honey Prices. The President suggested that an early meeting of H.M.A./N.B.A. was required - before 20 August.

It was moved

- (1) "THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY APPROACH THE GENERAL MANAGER OF H.M.A. WITH A SUGGESTION THAT TWO MEMBERS FROM EACH BODY MEET TOGETHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT A PRICE PROPOSAL FOR SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT."

- (2) "THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THESE TALKS BE THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT."

Robinson/Clissold

Carried.

REMIT NO. 11 - re Prices Card. It was decided that the Executive Committee make a suitable arrangement with the Editor.

REMIT NO. 12 - re Export in bulk by Beekeepers. It was resolved

"THAT THE ASSOCIATION SEEK A POLICY ATTITUDE FROM THE H.M.A. AND THAT THE EXECUTIVE RE-EXAMINE THE MATTER WHEN THIS REPLY IS AVAILABLE."

REMIT NO. 13 - see Remit No. 12.

REMIT NO. 14 - Honey Pricing Policy. Referred to next joint meeting.

REMIT NO. 15 - re Extension of Export Incentive Scheme to cover Queen Bees.
Referred to Executive Secretary.

REMIT NO. 17 - Suggesting that packed lines of honey be included within Export Incentive Scheme. Resolved

"THAT THE VIEWS OF THE H.M.A. BE SOUGHT."

REMIT NO. 20 - re Honey Grading. Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO H.M.A. FOR CONSIDERATION AND ATTENTION."

REMIT NO. 21 - re Apiary Inspection Service in Hawkes Bay. Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO M.A.F. FOR COMMENT."

REMIT NO. 24 - re Herbicides. Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION."

(Note: Mr P. Clinch to be contacted prior to this action being taken.)

REMIT NO. 26 - re effects in pollen and honey from the use of sprays.

Resolved "THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE."

REMIT NO. 28 - re Toxic Sprays. Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD.

REMIT NO. 30 - re Wasps. Resolved

"THAT AN APPROACH BE MADE TO D.S.I.R. AND M.A.F. TO ASCERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS IN PAST YEAR."

REMIT NO. 34 - re Native Bush. Resolved

(1) "THAT THE REMIT BE FORWARDED TO THE HON. MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT."

(2) "THAT THE ATTENTION OF BRANCHES BE DRAWN TO THE NEED TO ATTEND DISTRICT FOREST COUNCIL (OR BIRD SOCIETY) MEETINGS IN THEIR AREA AND OFFER SUPPORT."

REMIT NO. 35 - See Remit No. 34.

REMIT NO. 36 - re Sterilising of B.L. contaminated equipment.

Refer to D.S.I.R. for comment.

REMIT NO. 37 - re incentives in support of tree planting. Resolved

"THAT THE REMIT BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTERS
OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS."

ADDITIONAL REMIT NO. 2 - re Hive Levy Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE FOR HIS CONSIDERATION."

ADDITIONAL REMIT NO. 3 - re Beet Industry. Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE FOR COMMENT."

ADDITIONAL REMIT NO. 4 - re annual declaration form. Refer to Mr Vince Cook
of M.A.F. for comment.

ADDITIONAL REMIT NO. 6 - re U.S.D.A. CCC loan scheme. Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE WRITE TO THE U.S. EMBASSY FOR
FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE SCHEME."

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD: re Association's Representation on the Board.

The following points were noted:

- (1) That no report was available for Conference nor was there an apology for absence.
- (2) It is essential that Association be represented on the Board.
- (3) That the current policy of the Executive is that a member of the Executive Committee should represent it on these kinds of bodies.

It was then resolved

"THAT MR CLISSOLD BE ASKED TO SEE MR J.W. FRASER AND
DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM AND REPORT TO THE
SEPTEMBER MEETING."

PACKERS ASSOCIATION - Suggestion for Discussion. It was duly resolved

"THAT THE ASSOCIATION BE INVITED TO SEND TWO
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS ON ANY MATTERS
THE PACKERS ASSOCIATION MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE."

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: It was resolved

"THAT MR A. CLISSOLD BE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE ON THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE."

APICULTURE SECTION - M.A.F. Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WRITE TO MR FORBES
EXPRESSING THE INDUSTRY'S CONCERN AT THE LONG DELAY
IN GETTING THE SUPERINTENDENTS APPOINTMENT SETTLED."

NEXT MEETING: Resolved

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 21ST AND 22ND
SEPTEMBER 1977 COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M."

The meeting was declared closed at 12.10 p.m.

Berry
22-9-77

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR APRIL/MAY/JUNE/JULY 1977

697	Midland Hotel	129.45	(Exec. Accom.)
698	Petty Cash	19.68	
699to 705	Branch Capitation	1080.00	(Waik., H.B., Nel., B. of P. S.W.D., Ot., S/land)
706	A.P.A.	583.94)	(Mch Beekeeper)
707	W.A. Clissold	13.50	(Exec. C. Exp.)
708	E.R. Robinson	12.80	(" ")
709	E. Ryder Lewis	250.00	(Audit Fee)
710	I.J. Dickinson	152.05	(Honorarium)
711	P. Berry	310.45	(")
712	PAYE on 710 and 711	37.50	
713	General Bills Ltd	15,000.00	(Investment)
714	P.S.I.S. - A/c. J. Smith	1,800.00	(Travel Grant)
715	P.I.C.	2,238.98	(Fees etc. Jan-April '77)
716	M. Reid	30.00	(Beekeeper article)
717	T. Bryant	15.00	(" ")
718	A. Fussell	25.00	(" ")
719	G. Walton	20.00	(" ")
720	I. Dobson	10.00	(" ")
761	P.I.C.	20.00	(Conference Travel)
762	Addressograph	19.00	(Plates))
763	A.P.A.	647.32	(March Beekeeper)
764 to 767	Branch Capitation	477.50	(W.C., Cant., Sth Cant., N/Ot.)
768	Copy Shoppe	39.69	(Election Envelopes)
769	Instit. of Horticulture	15.00	(Subscription)
770	Cancelled		
771	A.P.A.	986.95	(June Beekeeper)
772	P.I.C.	989.96	(Fee - May)
773	N.Z. Railways	106.25	(Conference Travel)
774	A.P.A.	414.31	(June Beekeeper)
775	T.G. Bryant	10.00	(Beekeeper article)
776	P.J. Hook	10.00	(" ")
777	F. Burt	10.00	(" ")
778	D. Williams	30.00	(" ")
779	A. Fussell	25.00	(" ")
780	Wises Directories	43.00	(Insertion)
	Cheque Book	2.00	
781	Branch Capitation	121.78	(C.H.B.)
		<u>\$25,696.11</u>	

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE 1977 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES OF THE
NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE NORTHERN OAKS HALL
DUNEDIN ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 27TH AND 28TH JULY 1977
COMMENCING AT 9.15 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE 27TH JULY 1977

PRESENT:

The President Mr P. Berry (in Chair), the Executive Committee members Messrs Stuckey, Robinson, Herron, Clissold and Dickinson; seventy three members of the Association including the fourteen Branches of the Association.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr Russell Poole, Chairman and Mr Curtis Wicht, General Manager of the Honey Marketing Authority; Messrs V. Cook, P. Clinch, D. Hayman, Ministry of Agriculture; Mr Trevor Walton, Editor Beekeeper and Mr G.A. Beard, Executive Secretary. There were also present other visitors and representatives of the Press and Radio.

OPENING PRAYER:

The Chairman read the Opening Prayer to Conference.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS, DELEGATES AND VISITORS:

The Chairman extended to all present a warm welcome and expressed a wish that all join in debates and make it a Conference of moment to the industry. The host branch had worked out a programme to cater for all and he was sure members would enjoy all that had been arranged.

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE BY MR J.H. ELWORTHY, M.P. FOR OAMARU:

The President welcomed Mr Elworthy to the meeting and said how pleased members were that he had been able to spare the time to come down and address them.

Mr Elworthy then addressed the Conference and during the course of his address dealt with honey marketing, the Advisory Services and stabilisation.

Mr Elworthy at the conclusion of his address declared the Conference open and wished all a useful and enjoyable Conference.

Mr Elworthy then answered a number of questions from members.

Mr Dickinson then moved a vote of thanks to Mr Elworthy which was carried by acclamation.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE:

The President Mr Berry then presented his report to Conference. Mr Berry dealt with the administration of the industry, honey price procedures, comb honey, the U.S.D.A. pricing system, and the H.M.A./N.B.A. merger proposal.

The President concluded his report by thanking all in the Association for their help and said he looked forward to another good year of progress.

The report was received with acclamation.

MOTION TO RESTRICT SMOKING:

It was resolved that there be no smoking during Conference sessions.

ADDRESS BY MR RUSSELL POOLE, CHAIRMAN HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

Mr Poole presented a full report to Conference on the principal matters the Authority had to deal with during the year. At the conclusion of his address Mr Poole answered questions from members on a number of aspects of honey marketing.

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE:

The following apologies were recorded - Messrs Gossett, Ian Forbes, D. Lorimer, G. McKenzie and

OBITUARIES:

The death of the following members was recorded viz. Messrs W. Haines, G. Gordon, J. Donaldson, A. Lennie and T. Pearson.

APIARY SECTION REPORT:

RESEARCH REPORT:

These two reports were circulated.

TIMEKEEPER:

It was resolved

"THAT MR JOHN DOYLE BE APPOINTED TIMEKEEPER."

SCRUTINEERS:

It was moved Stuckey/Broadley

"THAT MESSRS P. CLINCH AND V. COOK ACT AS SCRUTINEERS."

SPEAKING TIMES:

Moved Robinson/Broadley

"THAT THE SPEAKING TIMES BE 5 MINUTES FOR THE MOVER
OF A MOTION - ALL OTHER SPEAKERS 3 MINUTES."

NOTICES OF MOTION:

It was noted that three notices of motion had been tabled.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE AND 1976 ANNUAL MEETING:

It was moved

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 1976 CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL
MEETING, HAVING BEEN CIRCULATED BE TAKEN AS READ
AND CONFIRMED."

Robinson/Clissold

Carried

The Chairman then adjourned the Annual Meeting in order to take business relating to the Conference of Delegates.

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS:

REMIT NO. 1 - SOUTH CANTERBURY

The Remit read

"That voting for Honey Marketing Authority members
on the Authority revert to a similar basis as
previously, with votes on hive holdings plus one
vote for every tonne of honey supplied to the
Authority."

Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/P. Lyttle and lost

Poll Vote For 1635 Against 2165

REMIT NO. 2 - NORTH OTAGO The Remit as amended read

"That the reserves of the Honey Marketing Authority be held in the individual producers account and failing this adopt a system similar to the one operated by the Wool Board."

Moved Messrs Winslade/Stirling - lost on voices, carried on Poll for 2323 against 1645.

REMIT NO. 3 - SOUTHLAND The Remit read

"That the Honey Marketing Authority approach Government to establish a ceiling to the Reserve Fund, say \$500,000, and any contribution thereafter be frozen in suppliers own name.

Moved Messrs Spence/Clissold and lost.

REMIT NO. 4 - SOUTH CANTERBURY The Remit read

"That the Executive of the National Beekeepers' Association meet the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries and request the appropriate regulations be amended to provide for the money held in the Industry Equilisation Reserve Fund be held in the name of each supplier who has contributed to the Fund. That when such supplier retires from the industry, sells his business, or otherwise ceases to be a supplier through any other reason and will not again be a supplier, the money still held in his name be returned to that supplier. Should the role of the Honey Marketing Authority be changed so as not to require the Fund or should the Authority cease to be, then, the money remaining in the Fund be returned to those suppliers who have money in their accounts, after a sufficient period of time to ensure this Fund will not again be required for the purpose it was established.

Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/P. Lyttle and lost
Poll vote For 2458 Against 1373 Carried

REMIT NO. 5 - WAIKATO The Remit read

"That the hive levy payment date be altered from 31 March to 30 April."

Moved Messrs Robinson/Broadley and carried on a Poll Vote
For 2169 Against 1679

REMIT NO. 6 - SOUTHLAND The Remit read

"That regular Honey Marketing Authority suppliers be able to get an advance payment from Reserves for the purpose of spring feeding. This money can then be deducted from honey supplied."

Withdrawn

REMIT NO. 7 - NORTH OTAGO The Remit as amended read

"That the Honey Marketing Authority announce by the first week in December the minimum payout price for honey."

Moved Messrs Winslade/Irving and carried.

REMIT NO. 8 - SOUTH CANTERBURY The Remit read

"That this Conference strongly oppose any increase in the Hive Levy."

Moved Messrs L. Lyttle/S. Lyttle and lost.

REMIT NO. 9 - WAIKATO The Remit as amended read

"That this Conference requests that the Honey Marketing Authority consult with the National Beekeepers' Association and resolve on a body to be set up to determine the Base Price."

Moved Messrs Broadley/Robinson and carried on a Poll Vote For 3743 Against 88

REMIT NO. 10 - HAWKES BAY The Remit read

"That this Conference recommends to Government that Clause 4 subsection (2) of Part 1 of the Honey Marketing Authority Regulations 1975, regarding the specific functions of representing the interests of honey consumers by the Government representative be deleted."

This remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 11 - SOUTH CANTERBURY The Remit as amended read

"That each season the National Beekeepers' Association publish a list of suggested prices for the selling of honey at the Honey House."

Moved Messrs L. Lyttle/Morris and carried.

REMIT NO. 12 - SOUTH WESTERN The Remit read

"That this Conference reaffirms Remit 25 from last year's Conference being "That Conference supports the principle of exports of appropriate quantities of bulk extracted honey by exporters other than the H.M.A. but subject to H.M.A. control. "

Moved Messrs Bromell/Marshall and carried on a Poll Vote by 2299 votes to 1440 votes.

REMIT NO. 13 - HAWKES BAY The Remit read

"That Conference supports the principle of exports of appropriate quantities of bulk extracted honey by exporters other than the Honey Marketing Authority but subject to Honey Marketing Authority control and equal involvement in Honey Marketing Authority price smoothing."

Moved Messrs Marshall/Ashcroft and carried.

REMIT NO. 14 - SOUTH WESTERN The Remit as amended read

"That the Honey Marketing Authority and National Beekeepers' Association combine to put our argument to Government that our internal honey price should be **more closely related to overseas prices.**

Moved Messrs Bromell/Rowe and carried.

REMIT NO. 15 - WAIKATO The Remit read

"That the Executive approach the appropriate Minister to request that producers of Queen Bees for export be included in the Export Incentive Scheme."

Moved Messrs Robinson/Broadley and carried.

REMIT NO. 16 - BAY OF PLENTY The Remit read

"That this Conference recommends that Queen Bees be included in the Schedule of the Export Incentive Scheme."

This remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 17 - WAIKATO This Remit as amended read

"That the Executive approach the appropriate Minister to request that private exports of packed lines of honey be included in the Export Incentive Scheme."

Moved Messrs Robinson/Broadley and carried.

SIR JAMES AND LADY BARNES

At this point Sir James and Lady Barnes attended Conference.

The President in welcoming the guests said the Conference was indeed grateful to them for finding time in their busy life to attend to meet and welcome members of the Association.

Sir James thanked the President for his welcome and said the city of Dunedin had a lot to offer visitors and he hoped there would be sufficient spare time to allow those attending Conference to see some of the sights of the city. Sir James extended a warm welcome to all and said he hoped all would have an enjoyable stay.

The President then presented a Kowhai tree to Lady Barnes for planting in a city Reserve.

Sir James and Lady Barnes then joined Conference for afternoon tea.

REMIT NO. 18 - SOUTH CANTERBURY The Remit read

"That this Association request a review of the very stringent standards of Honey Grading in New Zealand."

Moved Messrs L. Lyttle/Irving and lost.

REMIT NO. 19 - SOUTH WESTERN The Remit read

"That Executive request that a standard of safety regulations covering equipment (extractors, uncapping machines etc.) used by honey producers and packers be formulated by the Apiary Section of the Department of Agriculture and be distributed to all commercial beekeepers and packers."

Moved Messrs Bromell/Broadley and lost.

REMIT NO. 20 - OTAGO The Remit read

"That this Association press the Department of Agriculture to show on the Honey Grade Certificate the moisture content reading, and that the Phural Colour reading be shown."

Moved Messrs Adamson/Heineman and carried.

REMIT NO. 21 - HAWKES BAY The Remit read

"That the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries ensure an adequate Apiary Inspection Service, preferably centred at Hastings, is available to the Hawkes Bay District."

Moved Messrs Marshall/Ashcroft and carried.

REMIT NO. 22 - SOUTH WESTERN The Remit read

"That this Conference views with great concern the vacancy left by the late Mr Dick Hobbs and strongly urges the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries to appoint a further instructor to fill this position."

This remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 23 - HAWKES BAY The Remit read

"That the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries be asked to investigate bee losses during the Autumn period, suspected as insecticide poisoning, in the Irongate area of the Heretaunga plains."

This remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 24 - OTAGO The Remit read

"That this Conference calls for the same control of herbicides as there is on insecticides."

Moved Messrs Foote/Adamson and carried.

REMIT NO. 25 - SOUTH CANTERBURY The Remit as amended read

"That, as what appears to be the excessive and illegal use of agricultural chemicals this past season to control aphids and other insect pests, especially the blue-green aphid, on seed and other crops, the Executive of the National Beekeepers' Association request the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries to immediately have the matter thoroughly investigated and extensive educational and experimental work commenced."

Moved Messrs S. Lyttle/P. Lyttle and lost.

REMIT NO. 26 - SOUTH CANTERBURY The Remit as amended read

"That the Executive of the National Beekeepers' Association approach the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries with a view to having investigations made into possible residual effects in pollen and honey from the use of agricultural chemical sprays on flowering crops, broom, gorse and other noxious weeds."

Moved Messrs L. Lyttle/S. Lyttle and carried.

REMIT NO. 27 - SOUTH CANTERBURY The Remit read

"That the National Beekeepers' Association request the Agricultural Chemicals Board to place a total ban on the sale of Metasystox or similar types of sprays sold under different names."

Moved Messrs L. Lyttle/S. Lyttle and lost.

REMIT NO. 28 - BAY OF PLENTY The Remit read

"That this Conference continues to press the manufacturers of toxic agricultural and horticultural sprays to make better use of the labels on containers as an excellent medium to communicate the danger to bees and the best methods of application and correct timing to minimise these dangers."

Moved Messrs Stanley/Marshall and carried.

REMIT NO. 29 - SOUTHLAND The Remit as amended read

"That all Chemicals (other than domestic) toxic to bees (Apil Melliterea) used for the control of insect pests be sold only to registered (licensed) spraying contractors on the showing of a permit issued by the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries."

Moved Messrs Spence/Clissold and lost.

REMIT NO. 30 - BAY OF PLENTY The Remit read

"That this Conference continues to press for further efforts to control the European Wasp."

Moved Messrs Stanley/Broadley and carried.

REMIT NO. 31 - WAIKATO The Remit read

"That hives be allowed to remain on sites in restricted areas for the whole year, under special permits, to produce feed honey only."

Moved Messrs Broadley/Robinson and lost. Poll For 1604 Against 2248.

REMIT NO. 32 - SOUTH WESTERN The Remit read

"That this Conference urges beekeeping equipment suppliers to have small extractors etc. manufactured in New Zealand at a more realistic price than the ones from overseas."

Moved Messrs Bromell/Foote and lost.

REMIT NO. 33 - SOUTH CANTERBURY The Remit read

"That an immediate and thorough investigation be carried out by the Association to find out why New Zealand beekeepers are paying double world market prices for sugar and to have the situation rectified."

Moved Messrs L. Lyttle/S. Lyttle and lost.

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE BY MR WARREN HUTCHINSON,
N.Z. SUGAR COMPANY:

Mr Hutchinson gave an interesting address to Conference on the marketing of sugar and the procedures followed by his company in dealing with beekeepers.

Mr Hutchinson's talk was warmly received and he answered many questions from members.

REMIT NO. 34 - SOUTHLAND The Remit as amended read

"That the National Beekeepers' Association and beekeepers give support to Native Forest Action Council and Forest and Bird Society in saving our native bush as it is a very important source of honey which will not be there in the future if continued action is not taken; and that the Association seek representation on seminars currently being held throughout the country."

Moved Messrs Spence/Baird and carried.

REMIT NO. 35 - OTAGO The Remit read

"That this Conference strongly supports any move to protect and preserve New Zealand native forests - e.g. In sympathy with the Mardia Declaration."

Moved Messrs Adamson/Baird and carried.

REMIT NO. 36 - OTAGO The Remit read

"That the D.S.I.R. look into ways of sterilising of B.L. contaminated equipment with Radiation as used in Medical Centres."

Moved Messrs Foote/Adamson and carried.

REMIT NO. 37 - OTAGO The Remit as amended read

"That this Conference ask the Government to introduce incentives for the planting of trees and shrubs which supply nectar and fodder for bees."

Moved Messrs Winslade/Irving and carried.

REMIT NO. 38 - SOUTH WESTERN The Remit read

"That full minutes of Executive Meetings be circulated to members within New Zealand with the Beekeeper Journal."

Moved Messrs Bromell/Rowe and lost.

REMIT NO. 39 - HAWKES BAY The Remit read

"That the 1978 Conference of the Association be hosted by the Hawkes Bay Branch."

Moved Messrs Marshall/Pegram and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTIONNOTICE NO. 1 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

"Re H.M.A./N.B.A. That should the industry wish to carry the study forward then it could be advisable for the Conference to request the N.B.A./H.M.A. to jointly appoint a suitable person to receive submissions from all industry bodies and members and submit his findings and recommendations to the next (1978) Conference."

Moved Messrs Berry/Robinson and lost.

NOTICE NO. 2 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

"Re Hive Levy: That Government be requested to proceed with legislation that would allow the N.B.A. to collect and administer the Hⁱve Levy."

Moved Messrs Berry/Lyttle and carried.

NOTICE NO. 3 - "That this industry request clarification from Government in stopping investigations into the feasibility of establishing a sugar beet industry in Canterbury and strongly recommends a re-appraisal of the decision."

Moved Messrs P. Lyttle/S. Lyttle and carried.

NOTICE NO. 4

"That the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries be asked to amend the requirements of the Annual declaration form of hive inspection to cover the number of colonies with disease and in which apiaries; the total number of colonies owned and any new sites not already registered."

Moved Messrs Haines/Adamson and carried.

NOTICE NO. 5

"That the Executive be asked to investigate how the USDA, CCC loan scheme works."

Moved Messrs Stuckey/Jansen and carried.

The Chairman then declared the Conference of Delegates closed and resumed the Annual Meeting.

RESEARCH PAPER TO ANNUAL MEETING:

A paper prepared by Mr P. Clinch, Research Officer, Wallaceville Research Centre was then presented to Conference. This was followed by a question and answer session.

ANNUAL REPORT APIARIES SECTION, M.A.F.:

Mr V. Cook presented the report which was well received by the Conference. Mr Cook was able to answer a wide range of questions relating to the current operations of the Apiary Section.

1976 ANNUAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATION:

The Annual Report and Accounts for 1976 were tabled and adopted on the motion of Messrs Berry/Clissold.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

The President then left the chair. The Executive Secretary invited nominations.

Mr P. Berry was nominated by Messrs Winslade/Broadley and being the only nomination Mr P. Berry was duly elected to the office of President.

Mr Berry then resumed the chair.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:

Moved Messrs Robinson/Clissold that Mr M.J. Stuckey be Vice President and there being no further nominations Mr Stuckey was duly declared elected.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

It was moved that Mr N. Ryder-Lewis be the Association's Auditor for the ensuing year.

Robinson/Lyttle Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) REMIT PAPER: Mr Poole suggested that the Executive should examine some of the notes being added to remits. The President indicated that this would be done.
- (2) VOTING PAPERS: Mr M. Cloake raised a question relating to voting procedures.
- (3) AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD: Mr Heineman raised a question relating to the Association's representation and was advised by the President that the matter was being looked into.

- (4) ADVICE FROM MR GAVIN McKENZIE: Extracts from a recent letter from Mr McKenzie were read to the meeting by Mr Dickinson.

VOTE OF THANKS TO HOST BRANCH:

Mr M. Stuckey in moving the vote said most members and delegates found Dunedin a long way from home but all were pleased and grateful for the organisation Ivan Dickinson and his team had arranged. The motion was carried by acclamation.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

A. Perry CONFIRMED
25-7-72 DATE

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES, PASTORAL HOUSE, WELLINGTON ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THE 22ND AND 23RD SEPTEMBER 1977 COMMENCING AT 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY THE 22ND SEPTEMBER.

PRESENT: Messrs P. Berry (in Chair)
M.G. Stuckey
E.R. Robinson
I.J. Dickinson
K. McK. Herron
A. Clissold

ALSO PRESENT: The Executive Secretary, G.A. Beard.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS: Before taking the business of the meeting the President extended a warm welcome to members.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on July 25th, 26th and 29th which had been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs Robinson/Clissold.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

(1) Re METRIC WEIGHTS: The Executive discussed the question at some length and resolved

- (a) "THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE PACKERS ASSOCIATION ASKING FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE MULTIPLES OF HONEY PACKAGES TO BE IN 1KG AFTER 2KG."

Clissold/Stuckey Carried

- (b) "THAT IRRESPECTIVE OF OTHER FACTORS THE ASSOCIATION RECOMMEND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTIPLES OF 1KG MEASUREMENT IN HONEY PACKAGING; AND THAT THE 900 GRAM PACK BE PHASED OUT OVER A PERIOD OF UP TO 5 YEARS."

Dickinson/Stuckey Carried

(2) LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mr Clissold reported on developments and the Executive noted that a meeting would be held shortly.

(3) MR JOHN SMITH - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Mr Smith was the recipient of a financial grant-in-aid to enable him to visit Europe to study the A.I. of Queen Bees.

Mr Smith said his trip was most successful and he was certain there was a place for A.I. in New Zealand.

A general discussion ensued and covered many aspects of the studies made by Mr Smith.

The Executive then discussed with Mr Smith his programme to meet Branches and it was moved

"THAT MR SMITH ARRANGE WITH AREA ADVISORY OFFICERS AND BRANCHES TO HOLD MEETINGS BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT MARCH/APRIL."

Robinson/Clissold Carried

The President thanked Mr Smith for meeting the Executive and said all would look forward to his full report on his study tour.

CORRESPONDENCE:

METRIC ADVISORY BOARD: Suggesting that the cut off date for Imperial packs be 31st May 1978. It was moved

"THAT THE METRIC ADVISORY BOARD BE ADVISED OF THE TWO RESOLUTIONS DETAILED EARLIER IN THE MINUTES."

Stuckey/Dickinson Carried

OUTWARD TO MR J.H..ELWORTHY, M.P.: Thanking him for addressing Conference.

Noted.

MEMO TO LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Advising the members of the appointment of Mr A. Clissold as the representative of the Executive Committee. Noted.

OUTWARD TO MR T. WALTON: Editor Beekeeper - accepting his quotation to print 2500 copies of the Bulletin "Nectar and Pollen Sources of New Zealand".

The Executive noted that the reprints should be available early in 1978.

FEDERATED FARMERS: Forwarding copy of Maruia Declaration. Resolved

"THAT THE ASSOCIATION WRITE TO THE HON. MINISTER OF LANDS INDICATING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL."

MR IAN FORBES: Thanking the Association for its message of goodwill and advising that his health had now improved to enable him to return to full duties.

Received.

OUTWARD TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Re Hive Levy.

The letter advised the Minister of the Conference recommendation that the responsibility for collecting and administering the Hive Levy be transferred from the H.M.A. to the Association. Thus far no reply had been received. Noted.

(MINUTE NOTE: On 5 October the Minister advised that it would not be possible to prepare the required legislation this year so there would be no change until the beginning of 1979.)

MEMO TO BRANCHES: Remit 34 - re Forest Act. Noted.

MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: Replying to Association's Conference remit on Native Forests. Received and referred to Editor.

MINISTER OF FORESTS: Thanking Association for forwarding its views on the planting of specialist trees and shrubs. Received.

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TRADE: Re inclusion of Queen Bees and packed lines of honey as qualifying items for taxation incentives.

It was agreed that in preparing a suitable case the Executive Secretary could approach Messrs Jasper Bray and Terry Gavin for background information. The packed lines could be handled similarly.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Advising the appointment arrangements relating to the position of Chief Advisory Offocer (Apiculture). Received.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Replying to the Association's representations re the inspection of hives. Received and referred to Branches and Beekeeper.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Re annual statement of hives. The Ministry advised that it could see no advantages in amending existing procedures. Received and referred to Branches and Beekeeper.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Replying to Association re possible toxic residues in pollen and honey. Received and referred to Branches and Beekeeper.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD: Replying to Conference remit on use of improved labels. Received and referred to Branches and Beekeeper.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD: Replying to Conference remit that the same controls be placed on herbicides as insecticides. The Board did not support the proposal. Received and referred to Branches and Beekeeper.

D.S.I.R.: Replying to Conference remit re radiation sterilisation. It was noted that a further reply would be submitted in due course.

D.S.I.R.: Re research on European Wasp, advising that there was nothing further being done at present. The Department did enclose a paper on the use of fish baits and this was handed to Mr Stuckey to read and report.

OUTWARD TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: On wasp control. A reply is awaited.

OUTWARD TO HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Forwarding on Remits Nos. 12 and 20. The Authority advised that a reply would be available after the next meeting of H.M.A. Received.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Re Sugar Beet Industry. Received and referred to Branches and Beekeeper.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD: 1977 Annual Report - Received.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR: Re John A. Hawkinson. Application for permanent entry to New Zealand. Received.

U.S.A. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: Mr Harold T. Sanden, Agricultural Attache replying to Association's enquiry about the Commodity Credit Corporation. The Executive Secretary advised that more information was being sought.

Resolved "THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ENDEAVOUR TO HAVE A REPORT AVAILABLE FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING."

N.Z. WOOL BOARD: Replying fully to Association's enquiry (ex Conference) for details of their stabilisation scheme. Moved

"THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN AS THE SCHEME WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE FOR THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY."

It was also agreed that a copy of the scheme be referred to the North Otago Branch.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Forwarding a copy of the Gazette Notice approving the use of the drug Fumidil. Received.

ACCOUNTS:

The Schedule of Accounts paid for August 1977 was tabled and circulated.

It was moved "THAT THE ACCOUNTS AS TABLED AND COVERED BY CHEQUES NUMBERED 782 to 800 AMOUNTING TO \$3636.76 BE APPROVED."

Clissold/Dickinson Carried

ACCOUNT SUMMARY: A computer summary of the Association's Accounts to 31 August 1977 was tabled and received.

OFFICIAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ADELAIDE APIMONDIA CONGRESS:

Moved "THAT THE PRESIDENT BE THE OFFICIAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE AND MR I.J. DICKINSON BE HIS DEPUTY AT THE ADELAIDE APIMONDIA CONGRESS.

Robinson/Herron Carried

VISIT BY U.S.A. BEEKEEPERS:

The Executive noted that a group of U.S.A. beekeepers would be visiting areas in both Islands and that Executive members were co-operating as required.

1978 CONFERENCE - HAWKES BAY:

Mr Paul Marshall of the Hawkes Bay Branch wrote advising that bookings had been made in Hastings for the 1978 Conference. The Angus Motor Hotel would be the Conference venue.

- It was resolved
- (1) "THAT THE 1978 CONFERENCE BE HELD IN HASTINGS DURING THE WEEK JULY 25/28TH 1978."
 - (2) "THAT THE EXECUTIVE MEET ON TUESDAY THE 25TH AND FRIDAY THE 28TH WITH CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 26TH AND 27TH JULY."
 - (3) "THAT TUESDAY AFTERNOON FROM 3 P.M. BE SET ASIDE FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH H.M.A."

RESTRICTED AREA ADMINISTRATION: Mr E.R. Robinson reported on recent developments and advised that no meetings had been held since March.

A general discussion was held on restricted area matters.

LETTER EX MR T.J.L. BROADLEY: Re broadcast that was critical of H.M.A. activities. After a full discussion it was resolved

"THAT IT BE NOTED THAT A FULL REPLY HAD BEEN GIVEN MR BROADLEY BY THE H.M.A."

"BEEKEEPER":

It was left to the Executive Secretary to check with Mr T. Walton the Editor about the use of Beekeeper to publicise the requirements in relation to the Hive Levy.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION ON AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD:

It was resolved

- (1) "THAT THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT CONTINUE UNTIL MR J.W. FRASER'S TERM EXPIRES ON 1ST APRIL 1978, AND THAT THE EXECUTIVE REVIEW THE QUESTION AT ITS NEXT MEETING."
- (2) "THAT MR J.W. FRASER BE THANKED FOR HIS LETTER: THE EXECUTIVE HAVING NOTED HIS COMMENTS."
- (3) "THAT MR FRASER BE ADVISED OF THE EXECUTIVE'S FEELINGS IN THE MATTER OF ITS REPRESENTATION ON THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD."

WAIKATO BRANCH MEETING:

Mr Robinson tabled the following resolution passed by the Waikato Branch on 2 September

"THAT THIS MEETING REQUEST THAT ARSENATE OF LEAD BE AGAIN MADE AVAILABLE TO REGISTERED BEEKEEPERS FOR THE CONTROL OF GERMAN WASPS."

It was noted the chemical was used in the preparation of "bait" for use in the autumn. Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MAKE ENQUIRIES AND REPORT."

PLEASANT POINT PLANT: Mr Herron raised the matter and asked what was current policy.

The Executive discussed the subject in general terms and noted that a co-operative unit was being set up at Gore.

HONEY PRICES:

The Executive discussed its attitude and policy in respect of honey prices in general terms and at the conclusion of the discussion the following series of resolutions were passed.

- (1) "THAT THIS EXECUTIVE CONCUR IN THE H.M.A. REPRESENTATIONS ON THE BASE PRICE - NAMELY A 10 PER CENT ON THE PROPOSED PAYOUT OF 78 CENTS AND A TRIGGER PRICE OF 82 CENTS A KG AND THE ADDITION OF 2.5 CENTS CAPITATION RATE."
Dickinson/Robinson Carried
- (2) "THAT THIS EXECUTIVE RECOMMEND TO H.M.A. THAT THE COST PRICE OF HONEY INTO PACKS FOR THE LOCAL MARKET SHOULD BE BASED ON THE EXPECTED PAYOUT BY H.M.A. IN THE CURRENT SEASON OF SUPPLY."
Stuckey/Dickinson Carried
- (3) "THAT IF AT ANY STAGE THE EXPORT PRICE REACHES THE FIGURE OF 15 PER CENT ABOVE OR BELOW LOCAL REALISATIONS THE MINISTER BE ASKED TO ALLOW AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW AND THAT THIS BE INCLUDED IN THE FORMULA."
- (4) "THAT THE EXECUTIVE BE REPRESENTED AT FURTHER MEETINGS THIS YEAR WITH THE AUTHORITY AND THE MINISTER BY THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT."
Robinson/Clissold Carried
- (5) "THAT THIS EXECUTIVE IS OF THE VIEW THAT THE INDUSTRY CONSIDERS THAT THERE ARE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THIS YEARS PRICING CONSIDERATIONS."
Stuckey/Dickinson Carried

Other matters were then discussed and it was resolved

- (1) "THAT REMIT NO. 9 EX THE 1977 CONFERENCE (RE PRICING BODY) BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE MARCH 1978 MEETING."
- (2) "THAT IF THE JOINT REPRESENTATIONS BEING MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE AND THE H.M.A. IN EARLY OCTOBER DO NOT MEET THE ASSOCIATION'S SATISFACTION, THE EXECUTIVE MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PREPARE FURTHER SUBMISSION."

1978 HIVE LEVY: It was moved

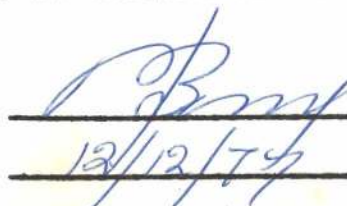
"THAT THE EXECUTIVE HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE THE HIVE LEVY IN 1978."

Dickinson/Robinson Carried

NEXT MEETING: Resolved

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 12TH AND 13TH DECEMBER 1977."

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 3.30 p.m.

 President
12/12/77 Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR AUGUST 1977

782	Cherry Court Lodge	709.51	(Conference Exes.)
3	G.A. Beard	240.00	(" ")
4	P. Berry	82.80	(" ")
5	Addressograph Multigraph	19.00	(Plates)
6	A.P.A.	88.83	(Beekeeper)
7	M.D. Haines	80.10	(Conference Exes.)
8	T. Gavin	73.80	(" ")
.9	T. Broadley	64.80	(" ")
790	B. Stanley	66.60	(" ")
1	P. Marshall	58.50	(" ")
2	N. Wallingford	51.30	(" ")
3	C.B. Bromell	57.60	(" ")
4	P. Cropp	42.30	(" ")
5	A. Braid	44.10	(" ")
6	C.L. Hunt	25.20	(" ")
7	S. Lyttle	12.50	(" ")
8	G.E. Winslade	8.33	(" ")
9	I. Spence	18.90	(" ")
800	P.I.C.	1892.59	(Fee, Postage etc. June/Aug)
		<u>\$ 3636.76</u>	

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.) HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES, PASTORAL HOUSE, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 12TH AND 13TH DECEMBER 1977 COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Messrs P. Berry (In Chair)
M.G. Stuckey
I.J. Dickinson
E.R. Robinson
K. McC. Herron
A. Clissold

ALSO PRESENT: The Executive Secretary, Mr G.A. Beard.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS: The President welcomed all to the meeting and said he hoped members would find the agenda challenging.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: It was moved

"THAT THE MINUTES BE TAKEN AS READ"

Robinson/Stuckey Carried

It was then moved

"THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22/23 SEPTEMBER 1977 BE CONFIRMED."

Dickinson/Robinson Carried

In respect of the series of clauses appearing on Page 5 members felt that the meaning may not be as clear as desirable. It was duly resolved

"THAT THE MEANING OF CLAUSE (1) BE CLARIFIED AND NOW READ AS UNDER:

* THAT THE EXECUTIVE CONCUR IN THE H.M.A. REPRESENTATIONS ON THE BASE PRICE - NAMELY A 10 PER CENT ON THE PROPOSED PAYOUT GIVING A BASE PRICE OF 78 CENTS AND A TRIGGER PRICE OF 82 CENTS A KG AND THE ADDITION OF 2.5 CENTS CAPITATION RATE."

(Minute Note: The Executive further noted that the actual payout was above the proposed payout and the Base Price for the current year which is now 81 cents a kg with a trigger of 85 cents a kg.)

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- (1) METRICS: The Executive Secretary advised that a letter had gone forward to the Packers Association as decided.

The Chairman then reported on a Packers Association meeting he had attended over the weekend in Rotorua and advised that the Packers Association wished to see the 900 gram pack retained. They were happy to support the multiples of 1kg over 2 kg.

It appeared from discussions that the carton manufacturer Messrs Winstones could have difficulty in producing a 1kg carton without re-tooling.

Mr Clissold advised that he could see little wrong with retaining the 900 gram pack in the system.

Mr Stuckey advised that the Labour Department had pointed out that there was no multiple of 900 grams and the Department wanted to move to all kg packs and had suggested that the industry get some defined attitude on the question. The Association had defined a policy of phasing out the 900 gram pack over the next five years and phasing in 1 kg packs. Mr Stuckey also felt that as 2 500 gram packs could and were being marketed cheaper than the 900 gram pack, that this could be an aiding factor.

It was after further discussion then decided to leave the matter over for further attention at the later joint meeting with the H.M.A. It was also decided to record the Association's policy attitude as under:

- (1) That the Executive inform the Labour Department that there is general agreement among all industry parties (N.B.A., H.M.A., and Packers Assn) that the multiples of honey packages be in 1 kg after 2 kg.
- (2) Also that the Association policy is that the Association is in support of phasing out the 900 gram packs and adopting a 1 kg pack over 5 years.
- (3) That it be recorded that the Packers Association wish to have the 900 gram pack retained and that this is the only point of disagreement. (An appropriate letter is awaited from the Packers Association.

(2) LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Mr Clissold reported that as business did not merit a meeting none had been held. Received.

(3) WASP CONTROL: Mr Stuckey reported that he had gone through the publication handed to him at the last meeting and his conclusion was that it didn't answer many of the vital questions.

Points noted included

- (a) The need to lay baits in selected areas
- (b) That there was special attraction with the colour orange or red
- (c) Bait availability or feed stations
- (d) Attractant sweet material - protein was best.

There were management practises that would help - special entrances etc. would be of value. If a persistent problem, the use of fish bait in spring could be a help.

Resolved "THAT MR STUCKEY'S REPORT BE RECEIVED."

(4) APIMONDIA CONGRESS IN ADELAIDE: It was noted that the President and Mr Dickinson attended the Congress - the President for the first days only.

In reporting Mr Dickinson said the Congress attracted an attendance of about 1500 people and New Zealand had a fair representation. In regard to papers presented some were not up to standard but others were excellent.

Mr Dickinson detailed his attendance at the business sessions and the procedures followed thereat.

Mr Dickinson tabled a written report and this will be referred on to "Beekeeper". Mr Dickinson advised that the next Conference will be held in Greece. He also stressed that if at all possible the Association should be represented, as the Congress was valuable.

Mr Chairman also referred to his impressions of the Congress and agreed that if at all possible the Association should be represented in future.

It was then resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE THANK MR DICKINSON FOR HIS COMPREHENSIVE REPORT SUBMITTED."

(5) ELECTION OF MR DICKINSON TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF H.M.A.: It was resolved

"THAT THE ASSOCIATION EXTEND ITS CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES TO MR I.J. DICKINSON ON HIS ELECTION TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE H.M.A."

CORRESPONDENCE:

CIRCULAR TO BRANCHES: Detailing September meeting decisions. Noted.

FEDERATED FARMERS: Circular memorandum on new Transport Act. The Executive discussed this question and noted that the Bill had been through the Committee stages and was expected to be passed in law this week. Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OBTAIN FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS COPIES OF THE ACT WHEN AVAILABLE AND CIRCULATE."

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: Providing statistics on incidence of American Foul Brood. Received and referred to Editor.

MINISTER OF TRADE & INDUSTRY: Replying to Conference Remit raising questions relating to sugar beet industry. It was noted that the letter had been referred to the Editor. Received.

H.M.A.: October Newsletter. Received.

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH: Re

(a) Voting Procedure for Executive. Resolved

"THAT THE MATTER BE LOOKED AT IN MARCH 1978."

(b) Foul Brood; The Executive was in support of this term not being used and were under the impression that it had been agreed some years ago to cease using the term "Foul Brood". Referred to Executive Secretary to check with Ministry.

(c) Suggesting that an article on European Foul Brood be prepared by M.A.F. and published in "Beekeeper". Referred to Executive Secretary to discuss with Mr V. Cook.

(d) New Transport Act: Noted (see earlier minute)

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS: Advising that it was proposing a review of agriculture statistics forms and procedures.

Left to Executive Secretary to discuss with the Department.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD: Re use of arsenate of lead. The Waikato Branch raised the matter originally and the arsenate of lead was used in mixing wasp bait. It was said to be especially useful in the autumn.

The Chemicals Board asked for information and it was noted that no arsenate of lead had been imported in recent times and therefore was not available.

The Executive after discussing the question resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE FEELS STRONGLY THAT SUCH BAITs SHOULD NOT BE USED IN THE INDUSTRY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND IF THE WAIKATO BRANCH WISH TO FURTHER REPRESENT THE MATTER THEY DO SO IN MUCH GREATER DEPTH."

BRAY & GOSSET LTD: In reply to Association request for supporting information to its proposal to have packed honey and Queen Bees included within the Tax Incentive Scheme. It was duly resolved

MR T. GAVIN:

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DEVELOP A SUBMISSION TO TRADE & INDUSTRY ACCORDINGLY."

OUTWARD TO MR J.W. FRASER: Re membership of Agricultural Chemicals Board.

The question of an Association nominee was discussed and it was resolved

"THAT THE ASSOCIATION BE REPRESENTED BY ITS
VICE PRESIDENT (FOR THE TIME BEING)."

OUTWARD TO NORTH OTAGO BRANCH: The Association forwarded a copy of the Wool
Stabilisation Scheme. Noted.

HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that appropriate studies would be
initiated into possible toxic residues of agricultural
chemicals. Received.

OUTWARD TO EDITOR: Re Mr John Smith and his visit to Poland. Noted.

OUTWARD TO MR T.J. BROADLEY: Re statement by a producer on marketing. Noted.

OUTWARD TO METRIC ADVISORY BOARD: Re phasing out date for imperial packs.
Noted.

LANDS AND AGRICULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE: The Association wrote in support of
the Maruia Declaration. Noted.

D.S.I.R.: Re sterilisation of contaminated equipment by radiation. Resolved

"THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN AND THAT A COPY
OF THE D.S.I.R. LETTER BE REFERRED TO THE
OTAGO BRANCH."

TOURIST DEPARTMENT: Re function in Wellington for Canadian Beekeepers.
Received.

GENERAL ACCIDENT ASSURANCE CORPORATION: The Insurance Company offered the
Association special national rates for
several classes of insurance.
After discussing several aspects of the question
it was duly resolved

"THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED AND THAT NO
ACTION BE TAKEN."

MESSRS NEWRICK ASSOCIATES: Offering Association at special prices, reprints
of Cottons Manual for Beekeepers.
It was decided to obtain sample copies and
consider the matter again at the next meeting.

HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Advising that due to other legislation it was
not possible to arrange for the necessary "Bill"
to change the collection of the levy from the Authority to the Association.
The Minister advised that this would be done in 1978. Received.

HON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: Advising honey prices for 1978 year. Received.

MR J.C. ASHCROFT - PRESIDENT HAWKES BAY BRANCH: Re Conference matters.
Resolved:

- (1) "THAT THE HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BE INVITED
TO ADDRESS AND OPEN CONFERENCE. "
- (2) "THAT HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF HASTINGS BE INVITED
TO WELCOME CONFERENCE AND ITS GUESTS TO HASTINGS."

MR DAVIES-COLLEY - RE FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION: The Executive Secretary reported
that Mr Davies-Colley had
called to see him and many aspects of the matter were discussed. The principal
points were:

- (a) That the Association should confer with the Farm Forestry
Association on the general matter.
- (b) There was a need for the Chief Apiary Officer, M.A.F. to act
as co-ordinator.

- (c) That the trees suitable for regions be publicised.
- (d) That the Beekeepers Association could also contact Mr Ian Frost of the Forest Service Extension Service. Resolved

"THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH MR V. COOK AND REPORT BACK."

ACCOUNTS: In attendance Mrs Norton and Mr C.J. Read.

A schedule of accounts paid in the September/October/November/December period were tabled and discussed.

The Executive Committee noted that the balance date was at the end of December and that in general the accounts were in good order with appropriate credit balances. It was moved

"THAT THE PAYMENTS COVERED BY CHEQUES NUMBERED 801/822 TALLING \$5919.36 BE CONFIRMED."

Robinson/Clissold Carried

RE AUCKLAND BRANCH: Mr Stuckey tabled a cheque for \$225.54 being the credit accruing from the closing of the Auckland Branch. It was noted that this amount would be identified in the Association's accounts meantime.

HONEY PRICE NEGOTIATION: The Association was represented at the Ministerial meeting by the President and Vice President.

Mr Stuckey in reporting said it had been possible to get agreement on the Base and trigger prices but the Capitation proposal found no support. There was acceptance by Trade & Industry that retail prices could be looked at again in January and H.M.A. would be studying this later in the day.

In the ensuing discussion Mr Herron enquired whether the two price lists issued by H.M.A. went to the same people - it appeared as though this might not have been the case.

After further discussion the subject was left for further consideration at the joint meeting.

BEEKEEPER: The Editor, Mr T. Walton was, due to another sudden engagement, unable to be present. The proposal for Beekeeper production costs for 1978 and advertising rates was received and left over for further discussion at the March meeting.

The December issue became available at the meeting.

Some aspects relating to advertising were considered and referred to the Executive Secretary for attention.

HONEY PACKING BUILDINGS: HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

The new rules on Honey Packing Buildings would come in in 1979. It was decided that the Association run a suitable article in "Beekeeper" as soon as practical. References Food and Hygiene Regulations 1974 and Amendments.

AUCTIONING OF BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT: The Executive noted that an auction of Apiary equipment had been held without - apparently - appropriate clearances being obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture. The matter was left to the Executive Secretary to deal with.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION - U.S.A.:

The question of whether a Credit Corporation system to underwrite, on agreed terms, exports of honey could offer the industry a service not available at present was raised and discussed. The broad proposal was that loans against crop could be raised and so assist beekeepers to trade to export more simply.

The topic was discussed and while no decision or conclusion was reached it was agreed that it was a matter that members could consider before the March meeting.

JOINT MEETING WITH HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY:

Messrs Russell Poole and D. Hayman, members of the Authority, joined the meeting.

CHAIRMAN: Mr M.G. Stuckey took the Chair for the joint meeting discussions. He said the principal topics for discussion included

- (a) Pricing Body
- (b) Prices and Base Price
- (c) N.B.A./H.M.A. - Private Exports
- (d) State incentives.

- (a) PRICING BODY: The President said there was some concern at the system of honey price setting and it appeared that there could be advantages in trying to opt for an industry set up.

Mr Hayman instanced the various systems applying in other primary industries but these were mostly large industries: the cost was something that should be borne in mind. Mr Poole pointed out that the honey system had changed from stabilisation to marketing: the Packers don't know what price to pay out. In a composite Price body there could be factions that only wanted to strive for their own benefit.

After further general discussion it was noted that Remit 9 from Conference was the relevant remit and it was moved

"THAT THIS COMBINED MEETING IS OF ~~THE~~ OPINION THAT THE EXISTING PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING THE H.M.A. BASE PRICE AND PAYOUT IS CURRENTLY WORKING SATISFACTORILY AND IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS NO NEED AT PRESENT FOR A PRICING AUTHORITY.

Berry/Clissold Carried

- (b) PRICES: The Chairman advised that while Trade & Industry had turned down the application many still felt that 500 gram pack price was wrong. Mr Berry said most would agree.

Mr Dickinson advised that the H.M.A. manager was presently looking at the question for January action and he was satisfied that the position would resolve itself.

It was then agreed that the matter was essentially one for the H.M.A. and it was noted that the Authority would be discussing the question later in the day.

- (c) PRIVATE EXPORTS: The letter to the Association from the H.M.A. under date of 23 November 1977 was used as the basis of discussion. The question was related to Conference Remit No. 12.

The Chairman advised that the six points set out by the Authority could perhaps be circulated to branches in some expanded form.

Mr Berry considered that the question needed a lot more work on it before being sent to the Industry - a small committee would probably be best.

The Chairman said it was obvious that there were problems in the exercise. The operation of a stabilisation fund made for difficulties - if the contribution was too large then there would be no private exports and if the levy was too low the exporter would gain an advantage.

Mr Herron pointed out that the H.M.A. was there to service the Industry and the industry had clearly stated that it wanted private exports of bulk honey.

Mr Poole said the question was complicated and thus far H.M.A. had taken its decisions in the interests of the industry.

The meeting discussed the question at length during which it was accepted that a more comprehensive paper was needed and that this paper should be discussed at the March meeting.

It was duly resolved

- (1) "THAT A SMALL COMMITTEE BE SET UP TO STUDY THE QUESTION USING THE H.M.A. LETTER AS A STARTING BASE."
- (2) "THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE TWO EXECUTIVE OFFICERS COMPRISE THE COMMITTEE AND MEET IN AUCKLAND ON FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY AT 9 A.M."
- (d) TAX INCENTIVES ON PACKED HONEY: The Chairman said the main question was whether the introduction of Tax Incentives would have an adverse effect on H.M.A. operations as such an incentive would not be available to H.M.A.

After considering the question it was duly resolved


"THAT AN APPLICATION BE MADE."

There being no further matters for consideration the Combined meeting was declared closed.

NEXT MEETING: Resolved

"THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE HELD IN WELLINGTON ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 30TH/31ST MARCH 1978 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M. ON THE 30TH.

The meeting was declared closed at 4.20 p.m.



Chairman

30-3-78

DATE

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1977

801	P.I.C.	28.01	(Postage)
802	E.R. Robinson	172.02	(Conference Travel)
803	Waterloo Hotel	156.60	(Exec. Co. Accom.)
804	K. Herron	38.40	(" " Mtg Exes)
805	E.R. Robinson	39.65	(" " " ")
806	M.G. Stuckey	24.60	(" " " ")
807	A.P.A. Sept.	1217.39	(Beekeeper)
808	P. Berry	347.00	(Honorarium)
809	P.A.Y.E. on 808	28.00	
810	Addressograph	19.00	(Plates)
811	Bulk Air	400.00	(Exec. Comm. Travel)
812	P.I.C. Sept.	591.75	
813	I.J. Dickinson	28.57	(Exec. Co. Mtg Exes)
814	Computer Services	17.70	(Accounts)
815	C. Rope	30.00	(Beekeeper Contributions)
816	A. Fussell	25.00	(" ")
817	Honey Marketing Authority	136.00	(Exec. Co. Travel)
818	Addressograph	19.00	(Plates)
819	A. Gyles & Son	42.00	(Stationery)
820	P. Berry	34.20	(Conference Travel)
821	A.P.A.	2519.52	(Beekeeper)
822	J.A. McKay & Co.	4.95	(Stationery)
		<u>\$5919.36</u>	